

10-2-0136

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**A RESOLUTION**

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL  
JULIAN BOND

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE  
CREATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENT FUND; REQUESTING  
THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO  
DIRECT CITY STAFF TO ADD THE  
CREATION OF SUCH A FUND TO THE  
CITY'S 2010 GEORGIA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Filed by  
Council  
2/01/10

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- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
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- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 1/4/10  
Referred To: Finance/Executive  
Date Referred 1/19/2010  
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**First Reading**

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
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Committee Finance  
Date 1/13/10  
Chair Julian Bond  
Action  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION**
- ☐ 2nd
  - ☐ 1st & 2nd
  - ☐ 3rd
  - ☐ Consent
  - ☐ V Vote
  - ☐ RC Vote

**CERTIFIED**

FEB 01 2010

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**MAYOR'S ACTION**

RCS# 50  
2/01/10  
2:43 PM

Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

10-R-0136            AMEND 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE  
                         PACKAGE  
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YEAS: 12  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 1  
ABSENT 1

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| B Smith   | E Archibong | Y Moore   | Y Bond      |
| Y Hall    | Y Wan       | Y Martin  | Y Watson    |
| Y Young   | Y Shook     | Y Bottoms | NV Willis   |
| Y Winslow | Y Adrean    | Y Sheperd | NV Mitchell |

**A RESOLUTION**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, H. LAMAR WILLIS, KWANZA HALL, IVORY LEE YOUNG, JR. AND AARON WATSON**

**AS SUBSTITUTED  
BY: FULL COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2010 CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE SO AS TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S SUPPORT FOR A MUNICIPAL OPTION SALES TAX ("MOST") FOR THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, nearly 50 percent of the City's total annual budget of \$541 million goes towards the public safety needs of the police, fire and corrections departments, as well as the solicitor's office and related court services; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety employees now account for more than 70 percent of all City personnel in the General Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, over 65 percent of general fund expenses in the FY2010 budget are public safety related; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's resident population is now over half a million, while its daytime population exceeds well over one million; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides police, fire and emergency and related court services to all residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of these services severely taxes the City's fiscal well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the City requires additional revenues to repair, upgrade, construct or lease police precincts, squad cars, fire stations, fire equipment including trucks and ladder engines as well as other pressing public safety needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues from the public safety improvement fund would be designated specifically for needed equipment, supplies, repairs and other necessities for the purpose of off-setting capital expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues for said fund – collected from within the corporate boundaries of the City, including Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport – would be in the form of a voter referendum for a 1% City of Atlanta Public Safety Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST); and

**WHEREAS**, enactment and imposition of a MOST would capture revenue from non-residents who use the City's police, fire and emergency and related court services; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOST referendum would allow City of Atlanta voters to choose the method by which they want to fund necessary and vital public safety improvements.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES** and amends the 2010 City of Atlanta Georgia General Assembly Legislative Package so as to express the City of Atlanta's support for a Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST) for the creation of a Public Safety Improvement Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, if so authorized, the City of Atlanta expresses its intent to offer the MOST to the voters during 2012, where, if successful, all revenues raised from the MOST will be annually reviewed and published on the City's website and in a newspaper of general circulation so as to provide the citizens of Atlanta with a clear record and full disclosure of the allocation and use of all MOST dollars collected.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, That all resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.